

Dear Friends of St. Therese of the Little Flower World Mission,

Rejoice, for Our Savior is born! May Our Loving God bless you and your loved ones with gifts of faith, love and peace. In acknowledgement for your kindness, generosity and prayerful support throughout the year, we thank you!

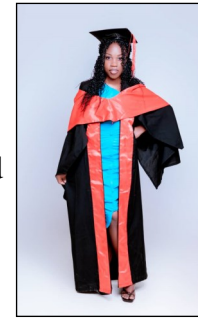
Divine Mercy Girls Seminary Bukoba Tanzania — East Africa

This year two sponsored DMGS students graduated from high school. Congratulations to **Anitha Melkisedeck** and **Jonia Adrian**! Both students chose to enter the St. Therese of Avila Catechetical Formation Center to become St. Therese Sisters. In addition, two sponsored students graduated from college. Congratulations to **Daria Clemence**! She graduated with a degree in Clinical Medicine and plans to work at a health center. Congratulations to **Paschazia Rweyemamu**! She graduated with a degree in Nursing and Midwifery and plans to continue her education.

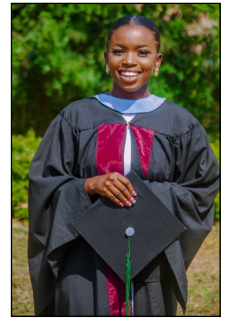
DMGS, founded in 2014, provides a Catholic secondary school education with boarding for girls. The DMGS Student Sponsorship Program helps cover the cost of tuition and boarding. DMGS graduates are offered continued financial support from this sponsorship program through high school and college. Sponsored DMGS students come from impoverished families in need of financial assistance.

Please consider supporting a student in need for the upcoming school year.

Student Sponsorship: \$700 per year (secondary and high school) or \$1,000 per year (college)



Daria Clemence
College Grad



Paschazia Rweyemamu
College Grad

Divine Mercy Girls Seminary Dormitory Construction Update

Construction of the new dorm at Divine Mercy Girls Seminary began in March of 2023. The new dorm will accommodate 600 students. STLFWM exceeded its commitment of \$1.1 million and contributed a total of \$1,338,766.00 to date. We are pleased to announce that the dormitory building is erected, and the roof work is completed.



The construction process was met with numerous challenges including a country-wide lockdown in December due to devastating and life threatening El Nino flooding. This led to a shortage of construction materials and schedule delays. The upcoming Phase Two for this project will be **interior** work including electrical, plumbing, fixtures, windows, doors, wall paint and flooring. Additional funding of **approximately \$400,000** is needed to complete the dormitory.



New Dorm

WHO WE ARE +++++ OUR MISSION STATEMENT +++++ WHO WE SERVE

St. Therese of the Little Flower World Mission, Inc. (STLFWM) is an independent mission board dedicated to serving orphaned and impoverished children by funding Catholic missionary projects in Africa. Missionary projects are carried out by the Sisters of St. Therese of the Child Jesus of the Bukoba Catholic Diocese in Tanzania. STLFWM also helps cover basic living expenses for the elderly St. Therese Sisters, who served these children.

Our Personal Assurance to You

All donations are utilized in accordance with the purpose designated by the donor. All members of the STLFWM Board of Directors serve voluntarily and receive no compensation. Operating costs of STLFWM are paid for by an anonymous donor. Fundraising is conducted entirely by STLFWM volunteers and not by professional fundraisers. STLFWM follows established accounting procedures and its tax reporting is prepared by a CPA firm. Financial information is available upon request. STLFWM has been designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. STLFWM is a registered charitable organization in the state of Florida.

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St. Therese of the Little Flower Orphanage Gasorwe Burundi — East Africa

The STLFWM Orphanage Sponsorship Program has served 55 children from early childhood through young adulthood since 2006. The St. Therese Sisters believe in empowerment through education and remain committed to each child until completion of their education and attainment of the ability to live independently. The educational achievements of our sponsored students have shown to be transformative opening up opportunities never imagined. Your faithful offerings profoundly impact the lives of students at a time when it is most needed.

We are pleased to announce that two of our sponsored students graduated from college this past year. Congratulations to **Irakunda Tierre**! He graduated with a degree in Community Development. Congratulations to **Nsabimana Deogratias**! He graduated with a degree in Medical Studies/Anesthesiology. Our students have persevered, and we are proud of their accomplishments.



Irakunda Tierre
College Grad

Nsabimana Deogratias
College Grad

Current Need: The orphanage property is in need of a perimeter wall to protect the Sisters and students. A refugee camp was set up nearby. Recently there has been an increase in vandalism and trespassing resulting in all of the Sisters’ pigs being poisoned, crops being stolen, and trees and plants being damaged. The cost to construct the perimeter wall is **\$13,743**.

Retired St. Therese Sisters Sponsorship Program



Sr. Mechtilda Stephano, STH

Sr. Susana Komugisha, STH

Thanks to generous donors, 14 retired St. Therese Sisters have been sponsored. The Retired St. Therese Sisters Sponsorship Program helps cover our elderly Sisters’ living expenses including health insurance, medicine, transportation to visit family, personal toiletry items, snacks, and the cost to tour a spiritual shrine. St. Therese Sisters have sacrificed their lives to uplift the lives of others. We want our retired Sisters to receive the care and support needed to live out the remainder of their lives with dignity. Please keep Sr. Susana Komugisha, STH in your prayers. She is currently suffering from a brain tumor.

As a sponsor, you will receive annually a personal profile, photo, and handwritten letter from your sponsored St. Therese Sister. Your mutual friendship, prayers and support will enrich both her life and yours. A Retired St. Therese Sister Sponsorship is \$700 per year or \$350 per half year. Your prayers and financial support are greatly appreciated.

Financial Update	2023-2024 School Year Donations Received:
St. Therese of the Little Flower Orphanage (STLFO) Child Sponsorships	\$ 2,292
STLFO General Fund and Current Needs	5,156
STLFO Student Gifts/ Graduation Gifts	2,479
Divine Mercy Girls Seminary (DMGS) Student Sponsorships	21,900
DMGS Construction	771,833
Tanzania Student Sponsorships	4,800
Retired St. Therese Sisters Sponsorships	9,990
St. Therese of Avila Catechetical Formation Center	5,960
Golden Jubilee	400
Network for Good Donations	50
Donation for Operating Costs	2,615
In-kind Donations (professional tax services, postage, office supplies, reception, etc.)	<u>9,780</u>
	Total <u>\$837,255</u>